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SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL \$2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL 500,000.

Registered Office, 40, THREADNEEDLE STREET,
LONDON.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,
Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE,
Issues LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS FOR
COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and
Agency Business generally, on terms to be had
on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum,

6 " 4 "

3 " 3 "

ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS
2 per Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the ORIENTAL
BANK CORPORATION, in Liquidation, or the
BALANCES of such claims, purchased on
advantageous terms.

AGENCY OF THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE
SOCIETY. E. W. RUTTER,
Manager, HONGKONG BRANCH.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP-CAPITAL \$7,500,000.
RESERVE FUND 3,900,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS 7,500,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
CHAIRMAN—Hon. JOHN BELL-IRVING.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
C. D. BOTTOMLEY, Esq. S. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.
W. G. BRODIE, Esq. J. S. MOSES, Esq.
H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq. L. A. POSECKER, Esq.
H. LAVON, Esq. N. A. SIEUS, Esq.
Hon. A. P. MC-EWEN, E. A. SOLOMON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER, HONGKONG—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER, SHANGHAI—EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
CREDITS granted on approved Securities, and every description of BANKING and EXCHANGE business transacted.

DRAFFTS granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 25th April, 1888.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE BUSINESS of the above BANK will be conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on their premises in Hongkong. Business Hours on WEEK-DAYS, 10 to 3; SATURDAYS, 10 to 1.

SUMS LESS THAN \$1, or MORE THAN \$500 at one time will not be received. No Depositor may deposit more than \$3,500 in any one year.

DEPOSITORS in the SAVINGS BANK, having \$100, or more, at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

INTEREST at the rate of 3 1/2% per annum will be allowed to Depositors on their daily balances.

EACH DEPOSITOR will be supplied gratis with a PASS-BOOK, which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their PASS-BOOKS, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

CORRESPONDENCE as to the Business of the Bank, if marked ON HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS, will be forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

WITHDRAWALS may be made demand; but the personal attendance of the Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and the production of his PASS-BOOK, are necessary.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 1st September, 1887.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, upon their arrival in this Harbour, none of the COMPANY'S FOREMEN should be at hand, ORDERS FOR REPAIRS, if sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the event of complaints being found necessary, communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,

Secretary

Hongkong, 21st August, 1888.

Consignees.

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, HAMBURG, PENANG,
AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "BALCARRES BROOK"

Captain Burgess, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

The Steamer is berthed at KOWLOON and Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense and no Fire Insurance will be had on application.

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st June, 1888. [625]

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "MERIONETHSHIRE" FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods, are being landed at their Risk, into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON, TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th instant, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th instant, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th June, 1888. [595]

Insurances.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED: \$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOOL LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, 1st February, 1888. [510]

NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in conjunction with Messrs. TURNER & Co., for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at CURRENT RATES.

W. HEWETT & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 7th June, 1888. [573]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000. \$833,333.33.
EQUAL TO \$240,000.00

RESERVE FUND \$240,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEX SING, Esq. LO YEKU MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST, Hongkong, 17th December, 1885. [877]

Auctions.

POSTPONEMENT.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 30th of June, 1888, at 2 p.m., at his Sale Rooms, Zetland Street;

FOR ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Ex Steamship "Brindisi,"

1,000 Pcs. NEW AMERICAN REPEATING RIFLES, Cal. 14-17 Shot, WHITNEY-KENNEDY'S Latest Pattern Packed in Cases of 20 Pieces each.

ALSO,

1,000,000 NEW AMERICAN WINCHESTER CARTRIDGES, Cal. 44 to fit above Rifles, Packed in Tin boxes of 50, and Cases of 2,000 Pieces each.

TERMS OF SALE.—The Lot or Lots with all errors of description at purchaser's risk after the fall of the hammer. Payment in Bank Notes at the fall of the hammer.

F. RAPP,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 23rd June, 1888. [612]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MY INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY in the Firm of HAHN, PIIRON & Co., has ceased from this day.

E. PIIRON,

Dealer in Pianos and Musical Instruments.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1888. [594]

Intimations.

ROSE & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED HER FRENCH MAIL.

ADIES EVENING SHOES IN BLACK SATIN, KID and BRONZE.

THE LANGTRY WALKING SHOE.

GENTLEMEN'S KID and CANVAS SHOES.

CHRISTIAN TERRI HATS,

WATERPROOFs, and UMBRELLAS.

Also,

A Fresh Invoice of DRESS MATERIALS in MUSLIN, CANVAS, FIGOT-EDGE ZEPHYRS to match the fashionable RIBBONS, EMBROIDERED COSTUMES in all shades.

The New Pattern DRILL for DRESSES, 15 cents per yard.

LADIES' JERSEYS in all shades.

ROSE & CO.

31 & 39, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

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Hongkong, 23rd June, 1888.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Steamship

"PEMBROKESHIRE."

II. Williams, Commander, will be despatched for the above Ports about the 25th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th June, 1888. [373]

HONGKONG AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"DIAMANTE."

Captain McCashin, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 26th instant, at

4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd June, 1888. [633]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA (FLORIO AND RUBATTINO UNITED COMPANIES).

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND BOMBAY.

having connection with Company's Mail Steamers

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

WATSON'S.

A STRING ENT. LEMONADE

An excellent stomachic and preventive of diarrhoea and is recommended by the Faculty.

During the present season avoid all doubtful food, impure water, over-fatigue, and impure air.

A bottle of ASIATIC CORDIAL, and a bottle of the finest old LIQUOR BRANDY, are useful things to have in the house.

The following DISINFECTANTS are reduced in price:

PERMANGANATE FLUID (similar to Condy's) 30c. per bottle of 2 gallons.

CARBOLIC ACID 75c. per quart bottle.

LEYEN FLUID CHLORIDE OF LIME and other Disinfectants at usual prices.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

Established A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 16th June, 1888.

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TELEGRAMS.

THE TORY PARTY.

London, 22nd June, 1888.

A Conservative meeting Lord Salisbury urged the necessity of the united efforts of the party, "whose dissolution must ensue. The Right Hon. W. H. Smith threatened to resign unless the Government possesses the full confidence of the country. A vote of confidence in the Ministry was carried by the meeting.

THE STANLEY EXPEDITION.

Deserters report heavy losses suffered by the Stanley Expedition. Pictunat (?) severely wounded. A relief expedition is being prepared.

(From *Straits Times*)

THE ASCOT GOLD CUP.

London, June 15th.

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ADMIRAL SIR J. E. COMMERELL, WHO WAS LATELY APPOINTED TO THE NAVAL COMMAND AT PORTSMOUTH, COMMANDED THE *FERRY* IN 1859, DURING OPERATIONS IN THE PEHO, AND WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF CAPTAIN, RECEIVING THE CHINA MEDAL AND TAKU CLASP.THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS WERE MADE AT THE ADMIRALTY ON THE 16TH INST.—LIEUT. GEORGE J. FLOCKIN, TO THE *RAVEN*; LIEUT. EDWARD S. H. GAMBLE, TO THE *MERLIN*; AND THOMAS W. SNELL, SHIP-PAYMASTER, TO THE *LEADER*. ALL TO DATE APRIL 1ST 1888.THE *FOOCHOW ECHO* SAYS THAT NATIVE JEAMEN BELIEVE THAT, OWING TO THE LARGE DEMAND, COUPLED WITH THE HIGH RATES OBTAINED FOR THE FIRST CROP, THE PRICES OF TEA UP COUNTRY WILL RISE CONSIDERABLY. IT IS ALSO STATED THAT THE QUALITY WILL BE THE FINEST EVER SHOWN.

MR. WEN YUK, THE PRESIDENT OF THE TUNG W. HOSPITAL, HAS RECEIVED BY TELEGRAM (PREFACED OF THE EASTERN EXTENSION TELEGRAPH CO.) THE SUM OF £10,111/- COLLECTED IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA BY MR. WYLLEY FOR THE RELIEF OF THE SUFFERERS BY THE LATE DISASTROUS INUNDATIONS IN THE CANTON DISTRICT.

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THE MANILA *DIAARIO* PUBLISHES A LETTER FROM THE CONSUL OF THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR, IN MANILA, IN WHICH HE SAYS THAT AN INFALLIBLE REMEDY AGAINST CHOLERA, IS A DECOCCTION OF PERNAMBUCO OR BRAZIL WOOD, CALLED *TINTERAL*. THE DRUG IS SAID TO EFFECT A CURE EVEN WHEN THE PATIENT HAS ATTAINED THE "LAST STAGES" OF THE DISEASE. LIME-TREE FLOWERS ARE ALSO SAID TO BE GOOD PREVENTIVES.MR. ANDREW CLARKE, WHO HAS FILLED THE POST OF INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF FORTIFICATIONS, VIGOROUSLY SUPPORTS THE DEMAND FOR A THOROUGH RECONSTRUCTION OF THE WAR-OFFICE SYSTEM. IN HIS LETTER TO THE *TIME* HE DECLARES THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS AT PRESENT CONSTITUTED AND WORKED IN "A MACHINE INCAPABLE OF CARRYING ON BUSINESS." ITS METHODS ARE "ANTIQUATED AND ABSURD"; ITS PROCEDURE IS "CUMBROUS AND IRRATIONAL." "VON MULKE AT THE HEAD OF OUR WAR OFFICE WOULD BE PARASITIC."THE *FOOCHOW ECHO* SAYS THAT NATIVE JEAMEN BELIEVE THAT, Owing to the large demand, coupled with the high rates obtained for the first crop, the prices of tea up country will rise considerably. It is also stated that the quality will be the finest ever shown.

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THE THIRD WEEKLY PRIZE COMPETITION OF THE GARRISON SHOOTING CLUB TOOK PLACE AT KOWLOON ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON. QUARTER-MASTER SURGEON HUM PROVING SUCCESSFUL FROM 19 OPPONENTS WITH A TOTAL OF 150 HEAVY SIEGE-GUNS. ONE OF THE 120-GUNS MADE FOR THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FIRED MORE THAN 200 TIMES, AND IS SAID TO BE STILL IN GOOD CONDITION.

WONG AKONG, AGED 35, HAILING FROM TUNG KUO, WAS "RUN IN" TO DAY FOR RETURNING TO THIS COLONY AFTER HAVING BEEN DEPORTED. THE PRISONER WAS FOUND BY THE POLICE IN QUEEN'S ROAD ON THE 24TH INST. AND WAS KNOWN AS A DEPUTED CRIMINAL; HE HAD BEEN SIX WEEKS IN GAOL IN THIS COLONY FOR LUCREY AND HAD RECEIVED A CONDITIONAL PAROLE, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT HE WOULD NEVER COME BACK. THE CASE BEING SATISFACTORILY PROVED, MR. WEDGEHOUSE SENTENCED THE PRISONER, WHO APPEARED ON AN ORDER FROM THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT FOR 150 HEAVY SIEGE-GUNS. ONE OF THE 120-GUNS MADE FOR THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FIRED MORE THAN 200 TIMES, AND IS SAID TO BE STILL IN GOOD CONDITION.

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ON THE 15TH MAY THERE WAS LAUNCHED FROM THE BUILDING YARD OF MESSRS. BARCLAY, CURLE AND CO. (LIMED), AT WHITELINCH, A STEAMER NAMED THE *BENTILI*, WHERE SHE HAS BEEN BUILT FOR MESSRS. WILLIAM THOMSON AND CO., OF LEITH. THE *BENTILI* IS SPECIALLY ADAPTED FOR THE TEA TRADE AND WILL BE AN ADDITION TO MESSRS. THOMSON'S TRADE. ONE OF THE MEN WHO WAS DRIVING A PAIR OF HORSES IN A FIELD WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AND INSTANTLY KILLED. THE HORSES WERE ALSO KILLED. NINE LARGE TREES WERE TORN UP BY THE ROOTS, AND MUCH DAMAGE IS REPORTED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE DISTRICT.

THIS IS AN EXCEPTIONALLY SEVERE THUNDERSTORM, ATTENDED WITH LOSS OF LIFE, BURST OVER A GREAT PART OF SCOTLAND EARLY ON THE MORNING OF THE 19TH MAY.

THE LIFE-SHIPS LUNATIC ASYLUM, NEAR CUPAR, WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AND SET ON FIRE. THE PATIENTS, NUMBERING 300, WERE PLACED IN SAFETY.

THE PATIENTS WERE VERY MUCH ALARMED, BUT THE MALES WERE MUCH WITH THE FIRE ENGINES. ONE MAN, HOWEVER, GOT ON THE TOP OF THE RAILING, AND PLAYED ANTICS, REFUSING TO COME DOWN TILL SHOWERED WITH THE WATER-HOSE. THE DAMAGE TO THE BUILDINGS IS ESTIMATED AT OVER £2,000. AT GLASGOW FOUR PERSONS WERE KILLED. NEAR TO COLTSBURN, IN DUMFRIES-SHIRE, A MAN WHO WAS DRIVING A PAIR OF HORSES IN A FIELD WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AND INSTANTLY KILLED. THE HORSES WERE ALSO KILLED. NINE LARGE TREES WERE TORN UP BY THE ROOTS, AND MUCH DAMAGE IS REPORTED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE DISTRICT.

ON THE 15TH MAY THERE WAS LAUNCHED FROM THE BUILDING YARD OF MESSRS. BARCLAY, CURLE AND CO. (LIMED), AT WHITELINCH, A STEAMER NAMED THE *BENTILI*, WHERE SHE HAS BEEN BUILT FOR MESSRS. WILLIAM THOMSON AND CO., OF LEITH. THE *BENTILI* IS SPECIALLY ADAPTED FOR THE TEA TRADE AND WILL BE AN ADDITION TO MESSRS. THOMSON'S TRADE.

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desires it to be understood that if this scheme is mentioned on the terms proposed, the Marine Lotholders will obtain the reclaims in front of their lots, not as a matter of right, but simply as a privilege the concession of which happens to be convenient. The shore belongs to the Crown; and to the Crown alone belongs the right of reclamation and of ownership in the land reclaimed; the only obligation attaching to the lessee being that of compensating the frontage owner for the difference, if any, between the value of his Marine Lot and the value of the same land converted into an "Inland" Lot by the reclamation in front of it.

As the Governor is anxious to lose no time in transmitting his plans, estimates and other papers connected with this project to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, His Excellency desires me to request you to be good enough to favour me with the early reply of the lot-owners interested at your early convenience.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

The Honourable C. P. Chater.

Summary of the Assessed Values of the Lands to be reclaimed exclusive of Government Lots.

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Pechili	1,460
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Total values	\$7,910,821

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4	50,095	153,034
5	135,031	270,690
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THE TANK LANE MURDER CASE.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph".

SIR.—Your evening contemporary printed on Saturday a leading article, commenting on the decision of the Jury on the Tank Lane murder case.

It seems to me that the well known speech of the late Earl of Beaconsfield can be adopted to answer this venturesome man who criticises the decision of a Jury in a case which they heard and which he did not. I would put the question to you in the following words:

Which do you think the more likely to come to a correct decision—a body of respectable men chosen to serve on this Jury or a sophistical journalisit inebriated with the exuberance of his own verbosity and gifted with an egotistical imagination, etc., etc.

Your obedient servant,

X.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1888.

We think, since our correspondent directly asks the question, that the Jury would be the more likely to come to a correct decision; but it unfortunately happens, nevertheless, that even special juries get on the wrong track occasionally. Surely, "X" will admit the possibility of basing a fair enough criticism on the printed evidence of the case? However, we can't see anything so very far amiss in the verdict returned in the case mentioned—there certainly was a doubt, and the prisoner had a right to the benefit of that doubt. The article in the *China Mail* on the subject is, like most editorials in that decayed vegetable basket, childish twaddle.—Ed., *Hongkong Telegraph*.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the sixth annual report of the Board of Directors of the above Company, presented to the shareholders at the seventh ordinary general meeting, held in the Cannon Street Hotel, London, on Thursday, the 31st day of May, 1888.

The Board of Directors beg to submit here-with to the Proprietors their Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1887.

The Accounts will show that the year has not been one of special prosperity, the promise of good results held out in the earlier months having hardly been kept up throughout the year. Much competition for the freights obtainable on the coast of China has still to be encountered, as the shipping trade of the world, though undoubtedly improved when compared with its period of lowest depression, cannot yet be regarded as prosperous. Full cargoes cannot therefore be always counted upon, and earnings which are inadequate have sometimes to be admitted in order to maintain the regularity and continuity of the various lines.

Nevertheless, with the assistance of an abatement from their regular commission, voluntarily conceded by the General Managers in China, and in the absence of any unexpected call upon their Underwriting Account, the Directors are enabled to recommend payment of a dividend at the same rate as that of last year.

The balance in favour of working account, with the addition above referred to, amounts to £48,900 12s. 9d., and the proportion of profit transferred from Underwriting Account is £8,834 10s. 7d. After allowing the full provision for depreciation on the fleet, the available balance amounts to £26,716 18s. 9d. Out of this the dividend recommended of 5 per cent. would absorb £24,704 10s. od., leaving £1,022 8s. 9d. to be carried forward to the present year. It is proposed to issue the dividend warrants on the 15th June.

The current season has opened with rather better prospects so far as respects the Company's earnings. A good trade has been done at the opening of the Northern navigation, and freights show some advance upon those of last year. It is much to be hoped that this activity will be prolonged throughout the summer.

The various services on the Coast are being worked with regularity and to the satisfaction of shippers. Considerable opposition is still experienced on the Calcutta line from the foreign mail steamers, and this seems likely to continue to interfere with the results formerly obtained. The system of alternate departures at regular intervals established upon this line has on the whole worked well, and does not appear to call for further modification.

All the vessels of the Company's fleet have been maintained in their usual state of high efficiency. The minor casualties sustained during 1887 are in about the usual proportion; but the Company is fortunate in having had no loss of a steamer, nor any disaster that called for the resumption of a perfectly safe basis.

If having been found that the number of steamers at the disposal of the General Managers was hardly adequate to enable them to take their full share in the coasting business, the Board, under their advice, contracted for the new steamer, *Choy Sang*, built by Messrs. Hall-Russell & Co., of Aberdeen. This vessel, after a satisfactory trial trip, in which she came up to the expectation of her builders and of the Board, was despatched from London to China with full cargo on the 20th April. She is expected to constitute a valuable addition to the fleet.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Messrs. J. McGregor and T. Reid were sent from the Board, being eligible, after themselves for re-election.

The Auditors, Messrs. Turquand, Youngs & Co., likewise retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

J. MACANDREW
(Chairman).

London, 19th May, 1888.

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